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Subject: Bennington College Funds

Judith,

I hope this email finds you doing well. I was speaking to Dr. David Bond at Bennington College a few weeks back about the research they have been conducting at the college. Dr. Bond received an NSF rapid response grant for 90k to develop a new class at the college last year. I have copied the information below from the college website. As you can tell they have been working very hard for the cause and not just for the state of Vermont.

In response to this local environmental crisis, the Center for the Advancement of Public Action (CAPA) at Bennington College has engaged the issue on a number of fronts. David Bond, the Associate Director of CAPA, was awarded a \$90,000 National Science Foundation RAPID Response Grant to support a new course and original research on PFOA in our region. The course (Understanding PFOA in Our Water) and research is being conducted in conversation with citizen groups and state officials. Offered in spring 2016 and fall 2016 and open to community participation, the course covers environmental organic chemistry, contaminant hydrogeology, and environmental policy, and is being co-taught by Bond and faculty members Janet Foley and Tim Schroeder. As this issue has unfolded, CAPA has also hosted meetings to facilitate dialogue between concerned residents and Vermont state officials, including two public meetings with Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin.

In response to the complexity of public health concerns of PFOA, CAPA launched a website that curates and summarizes recent scientific and policy advances around the health concerns of PFOA and documents how other communities have responded to the discovery of PFOA in their drinking water. Lastly, CAPA and Environmental Studies at Bennington are also sponsoring a lecture series on PFOA that brings leading voices on the science and policy of PFOA to campus for public talks; guests include David Andrews, Senior Scientist with the Environmental Working Group; Laura MacManus-Spencer, chemistry professor at Union College; and Brendan Lyons, senior investigative reporter at the Albany Times Union; among others.

I understand that Vermont is not one of the states in your region and the administration will soon be changing. However, in speaking to Dr. Bond they have been denied funds from region 1 as all of the funds are spoken for by UVM for research studies on lake Champlain. They have been a great resource for us in Hoosick Falls and Petersburg. I was wondering if you might have any ideas to help fund additional work as 90k doesn't go as far as it use to. It is my understanding they will not be able to continue the research after the spring semester as they will be out of funding. I hope I'm not out of

line in asking, as you have been the most important single figure in helping us accomplish our goals to date. Any advice you might have for me to pass along to Dr. Bond would be great. I hope we are able to keep in touch.

Thanks,

Michael Hickey